

that during economic downturns, new cars sales slow, which would result in lower fees collected using the millage approach. A flat rate may generate lower revenues than the millage rate, but collections will be fairly consistent and predictable. Mr. Walsh proposed a hybrid approach, amending the statute in such a way that communities would be able to choose either the millage or flat rate. The flat rate would consist of a maximum per vehicle dollar amount set by the State.

RSA 231:114 – 231:132 dictate how revenues generated from motor vehicle registration surcharges be spent. The current statute requires these revenues be spent solely on planning and constructing new parking facilities. Proposed amendments would allow for these revenues to be spent on maintenance, operating costs, meter installation and maintenance, and enforcement costs. In short, if the proposed amendments are accepted, revenues generated under RSA 261:154 will be able to be deposited into the Parking Fund and used in any way needed by the Parking Fund.

Councilor Coen asked for a brief summary of the steps involved in presenting the proposed amendments to the State Senate. As described by Mayor Bouley and Mr. Walsh, the Committee recommends the amendments to City Council at their next meeting. If City Council agrees with the Committee's recommendation, the proposal will be filed with the State House. If the amendments pass the State House, the City will be able to choose to impose the surcharge. Sponsoring the amendments does not mean the City will be locked into implementing the surcharge. The changes will simply give the City an alternative method of generating revenues for the Parking Fund which is currently beyond our reach due to the minimum population threshold.

Councilor Kenison moved a recommendation be made to City Council at their next meeting on December 12, 2016 to amend the statutes as outlined in Mr. Walsh's memo. Councilor Champlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

1. Review tentative meeting schedule

The Committee has been reviewing the Strategic Parking Plan for six months. Mr. Walsh suggested presenting the Committee's findings to date to the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager of Finance and the Deputy City Manager of Development. Mayor Bouley stated that the Committee has given City staff a strong foundation on which to base the Strategic Parking Plan. Mr. Walsh intends to work with City Management to prepare a comprehensive report for the Committee. Mr. Walsh indicated the current target date for implementing the Strategic Parking Plan is July 1, 2017, which is the beginning of fiscal year 2018. This goal

is still attainable, assuming everything goes according to schedule from here out. With this in mind, Mr. Walsh asked the Committee if they would consider canceling the meeting scheduled for December 14, 2016 to allow Staff time to work on the report. Mr. Walsh will present the Staff report to the Committee in January 2017. A specific meeting date was not scheduled. The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 14, 2016.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: chamby@comcast.net [<mailto:chamby@comcast.net>]
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2017 7:43 PM
To: Aspell, Thomas
Subject: Fwd: parking

Hi Tom:

Can we refer this email to the Parking Committee? The issue is those streets in the city that may be so narrow as to create problems navigating the street when cars are parked on both sides. Obviously this is exacerbated during the winter, but my constituents are concerned with the problem year-round.

Thanks.

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From: "Joanne Magarian" <jomagarian1@gmail.com>
To: chamby@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 6:24:37 PM
Subject: parking

Hello Mr. Champlin,
I'm writing as you requested regarding our conversation in front of the Historical Society today.
As you may recall, My wife Joanne and I are concerned with public parking on both sides of the street.
Many city streets are too narrow to allow parking on both sides. Add to this winter snow and ice, and we have a potential safety issue.
Maybe a possible solution could be to allow parking on one side of the street with switching street sides yearly according to odd and even house numbers.
We appreciate your taking this persistent problem into consideration.
Thanks, Dan and Joanne Magarian
#17 Albin St.